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Inventor(s): Ravi Varma

Serial No.: 10/675,876

Examiner: Philip H. Leung

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Title: MICROWAVE-ASSISTED STEAM STERILIZATION OF DENTAL AND SURGICAL INSTRUMENTS

COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS  
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

TRANSMITTAL LETTER FOR RESPONSE/AMENDMENT

Sir:

Transmitted herewith is/are the following in the above-identified application:

- (X) Response/Amendment – “Amendment A” – Response to OA 4-27-2004 ( ) Petition to extend time to respond  
( ) New fee as calculated below ( ) Supplemental Declaration  
(X) No additional fee  
( ) Other: \_\_\_\_\_

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TOTAL CLAIMS	3	MINUS	3	=	X \$9	\$0
INDEP. CLAIMS	1	MINUS	1	=	X \$43	\$0
[ ] FIRST PRESENTATION OF A MULTIPLE DEPENDENT CLAIM					+ \$145	\$
EXTENSION FEE	1ST MONTH \$55	2ND MONTH \$210	3RD MONTH \$475	4TH MONTH \$740	\$	
TOTAL FEE FOR THIS AMENDMENT					\$	

- ( ) Attached is a check for \$ \_\_\_\_\_.  
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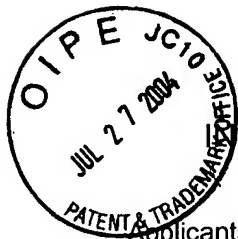
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**AMENDMENT A**

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated April 27, 2004, kindly enter the following amendments to the Specification and Drawings, and consider the accompanying Remarks.

AMENDMENTS TO THE SPECIFICATION ARE SET FORTH BEGINNING ON PAGE 2 OF THIS AMENDMENT A.

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS ARE SET FORTH BEGINNING ON PAGE 4 OF THIS AMENDMENT A.

REMARKS ARE SET FORTH BEGINNING ON PAGE 5 OF THIS AMENDMENT A.

APPENDIX A, REPLACEMENT SHEETS, ON PAGE 10.

APPENDIX B, ANNOTATED MARKED-UP DRAWINGS, ON PAGE 11.

APPENDIX C, TERMINAL DISCLAIMER TO OBVIATE A DOUBLE PATENTING REJECTION OVER A PRIOR PATENT, ON PAGE 12.

APPENDIX D, 2 STATEMENTS UNDER 37 CRF 3.73(b), ON PAGE 13.